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## CITIZENS PREPARE TO COPE WITH TROUBLE IF IT COMES

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE FORMED—ONTARIO COUNCIL COMPLETES ORGANIZATION—100 MEMBERS.

## SOCIALIST IS REBUKED

W. E. Lees and P. J. Gallagher Tell Mrs. Pritchard What the Nation is Fighting for at Vale Meeting—Good Speeches Made.

In Ontario as a community and Malheur county as a whole preparations have been made to cope with the I. W. W. situation, should it become acute. Steps have also been taken to combat sedition and disloyalty during the war.

At Vale last Monday a County Council was formed at a meeting by Judge Geo. W. McKnight. About 40 citizens of the county, including representatives from practically every section of the county. The council as formed is composed of the following: Ben J. Brown, Vale; Frank Miller, Big Bend; J. Boydell, Nyssa; S. F. Taylor, Ontario; T. M. Lowe, Owyhee; S. M. Willis, Brogan; J. D. Fairman, Westfall; P. J. Gallagher, Ontario; C. C. Mueller, Vale; John Weaver, Ontario; and Judge McKnight, ex-official member of the board.

Aids from the foundation of the council the big event of the meeting was the reception given Mrs. W. T. Pritchard's request for a committee to draft resolutions asking the president what the "aims of the war are, and how far the people must go in their patriotism."

Mrs. Pritchard during preliminary patriotic proceedings wore a mark on her face, when ever patriotic sentiment was expressed. She took off the mark when W. E. Lees characterized the action of those who would burden the president with useless petitions such as that proposed as treason. The crowd, all save some of the socialists present, cheered Mrs. Lee's characterization vigorously showing how they felt toward the motion, which was never seconded. P. J. Gallagher of Ontario and G. W. Hayner of Vale also administered stinging rebukes to those who would impede the progress of the war. When the meeting took a recess Mrs. Pritchard and her associates heat a hasty retreat, and did not wait to participate in the election of a defense council.

Following the election of the defense council nominated by a committee consisting of C. C. Wilson, Nyssa; J. W. McCulloch, Ontario; and W. M. Fogley, Vale; the meeting adjourned. The council itself organized later by electing C. C. Miller, Vale; chairman and P. J. Gallagher, Ontario, secretary.

Those who went from Ontario to attend the Vale meeting were: S. F. Taylor, A. L. Sproule, J. D. Billingsley, D. H. Kerfoot, P. J. Gallagher, W. E. Lees, J. W. McCulloch, A. P. Riddle, E. W. Howland, G. K. Aigen and Thos. Kohout of Jordan Valley.

## APPEAL TAKEN FROM EXEMPTION BOARD

Government Instructs District Attorney to Contest all Claims of Ground of Dependency, R. W. Lytle to Act.

That they have been exempted from service in the National army by the local exemption board does not mean that many men who recently passed the physical tests will not see service.

On instructions from the department of Justice District Attorney R. W. Swagler was ordered on behalf of the government to appeal all cases where the exemption was granted on the grounds of dependency. Notice has been given by him that all of the cases so passed by the board at Vale will be appealed to the district board

## PREPARING RIGS FOR BEGINNING OF WORK

Boiler Being Repaired—New Cable Ordered and Plant put in Shape for Gas Exploration—Officials Visit City.

Herman E. Eichmann, secretary of the Consolidated Oil and Gas company of America, with A. M. Boylen, a representative of the company spent Wednesday and Thursday in Ontario viewing the preliminary work being done at the old Ontario-Oil company's well on the south side of the city.

While here Mr. Eichmann delivered to H. L. Poorman, trustee for the stockholders of the old company \$79,000 worth of stock in the new company which will be prorated among the old stock holders. This will be done in the near future.

Mr. Eichmann announced that the company is preparing the ground so that on the arrival of Mr. Gavin, its expert from the Kansas and Oklahoma field actual exploration work can commence. At present the company is getting the drilling machinery in shape. A new cable has been ordered, the boiler is being repaired and the accumulations of time removed from the plant.

Mr. Eichmann said that the company will first try to clear the old well and thus save a portion of the work done by the old company. If this is found impracticable the rig will be moved and other holes drilled.

Mr. Eichmann is enthusiastic over the prospects for the development of a commercial well. Our experts believe that with the evidence shown by the old oil well and the gas which burned there under tremendous pressure that there is material ground for making a thorough investigation and the company is spending its money to that end.

## HOME GUARD COMPANY IS BEING FORMED HERE

E. W. Howland and J. C. McCright Named Drillmasters for Semi-Military Organization—Both Previous Experience.

At a meeting held last Tuesday evening at the Commercial club rooms steps were taken to form a Home Guard company. There were nearly 40 young men present at the meeting and names of 82 possible members were suggested. All those present declared their desire to join such company and to comply with its regulations.

E. W. Howland and J. C. McCright, both of whom have had previous military experience were chosen drillmasters, and an effort will be made to secure guns from the allotment made Oregon by the national government. The organization will meet Friday evening. Sergeant Sawell of the Montana boys who are guarding the bridges has offered to assist the company in getting started with the drill work.

at LaGrande. Owing to the fact that Mr. Swagler is of draft age he will not act before the districts board and has assigned Attorney R. W. Lytle of Vale to perform that service.

The exemption of the following men have been appealed already: George C. Davis, Lloyd Russell Kinney, William Earl Boyd, George Ainey, William Earl Boyd, George Ainey, Lee B. Cockrum, Irwen S. Moody, Frederick Bradley Wilson, Virgil L. Seybold, Clifford Harry Harland, Archie W. Fields, Otto W. Atkins.

The department of justice in one of its circulars has defined the method by which these appeals are taken. Not only the government but also citizen who believes that the ex-

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## SCHOOL MA'AMS WILL BE HONORED GUESTS

COMMERCIAL CLUB ARRANGES WITH PARENT-TEACHERS AND OTHER WOMEN TO GIVE RECEPTION.

## AUTO RIDE FOR THURSDAY

Following Trip to Surrounding Country Theatre Party is Planning for Band will Help to Entertain the Honored Guests.

The principal thing done at the meeting of the Commercial club last Monday evening was to provide means for entertaining the Malheur county school teacher's while they are in the city to attend the Institute September 12, 13, and 14.

According to the plans of the club members the women of the Parent-Teacher's association will take charge of the initial social session which will be a reception at the High school Wednesday evening. A band concert is one of the features planned for that session.

On Thursday evening the men of the club will be hosts for an auto ride over the valley, starting not later than 6:30 and returning to Ontario not later than 8:30 so that the teachers can be the guests of honor at Dreamland.

President P. J. Gallagher of the club appointed M. E. Newton, chairman of the auto ride committee and all those who can assist in entertaining that evening with their cars should notify Mr. Newton as soon as possible. Mrs. Thomas W. Chaggett, president of the parent teachers association will have charge of the reception arrangements.

## MONTANA BOYS COME TO GUARD OUR BRIDGES

As a measure of precaution the federal government returned a squad of soldiers to guard the Short Line bridges here this week. On Sunday evening's No. 19 a bunch of khaki clad warriors arrived in Ontario and hiked to the bridge camp immediately. It was anticipated that, perhaps, there might be trouble on Monday the date set for the I. W. W. strike in the northwest.

The soldiers here now are all from Miles City, Montana and until they were sworn into the Federal service were members of E Company, Montana National Guard. The squad is in command of Sergeant Sewell, and the privates are: Lovass, Liberty, Kane, Jabo, McLaughlin, Ben Jones, Clifford Jones, Nelson, Matt and Corporal Smith.

## HERBERT LACKEY HAS A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Young Man is Still in Precarious Condition, Life Hanging in the Balance—Recovery Looked for.

Herbert Lackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lackey was the victim of a serious accident while haying on the Butler ranch west of the city Tuesday afternoon. He jumped from a hay load to the ground, striking the handle of a pitch fork which was stuck in the ground. The handle of the fork struck the pelvis bone and went thru the body almost to the lungs, tearing some of the small intestines.

The young man suffered intense pain. He was immediately rushed to the Holy Rosary Hospital where Dr. Prinsing & Wesse gave him first aid treatment. On Wednesday it was necessary to perform an operation in an effort to save his life. The physicians have hope for his recovery.

## ONTARIO-NYSSA FARM LOAN BEING EXAMINED

D. R. HUDDARD OF KUNA, IDAHO, EXAMINER FOR TWELFTH DISTRICT FARM LOAN BANK... MAKING APPRAISAL

## IRRIGATION NEEDS ATTENTION

While Farm Lands are Good Appraisers Calls Attention to rising Alkali, and Uneven Irrigation During this Season.

D. R. Hubbard, examiner for the Federal Farm Loan bank of the twelfth district at Spokane is here this week examining the farms of the Ontario-Nyssa district on which loans amounting to more than \$100,000 have been asked.

In speaking of the country and the value of the lands Mr. Hubbard said: "Your lands here are as rich as any part of the Snake river valley, but your irrigating systems are in bad shape. That is indicated by the uneven service given during the irrigated season. There seems to be rank injustices. There are no weir wheels on some of the ditches and some of the ranchers steal water to which they are not entitled. Some authority ought to come here and straighten this situation."

"There is also great need for drainage. That will have to come or the land will be barren before long. All of these things effect the value of land and tend to reduce the amount which can be borrowed on it."

"The farm loan law is a wonderful measure, and the fact that the people are seeking bonds in such volumes proves its desirability. Most of the people are loaning on the 3 1/2 year 6 per cent plan, which permits them to pay off the entire indebtedness on small payments or to retire the entire sum after five years."

President Chet Lackey of the association spent the week taking Mr. Hubbard over the land which was previously appraised by the local association.

## THIRD ANNUAL GRANGE PICNIC NEXT WEEK

The third annual picnic picnic of the members of the Boulevard Grange will be held next Friday at the K. S. & D. ranch in the Arcadia grove. As usual it will be of the basket picnic order and a full basket will materially increase the pleasure of the day. E. B. Conklin, lecturer of the grange is arranging a big program of good speakers. The musical features will be furnished by James Conway soloist from the Ontario Band and the Kingman Kolony orchestra. There will be a refreshment stand on the picnic grounds and a big program of sports.

## RED CROSS WORKERS NEED MORE KNITTING

Millions of Pieces Required to Care for Army Needs this Winter—The Demand grows Greater Every day.

The local Red Cross with other chapters is being urged to increase the output of knitting goods, sweaters, helmets, wristlets, scarfs etc. There will be need for more than 1,500,000 in Belgium and France this winter and beside that used there our sailors of the seas will need some of the comfy clothes.

The local Red Cross is specializing on surgical supplies but has a number of members who are knitting. The directors of the work would like to see the number increased and urgently request that women who have not worked before will come now to their assistance.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. E. M. Greig and Mrs. W. W. Howard attended a recent meeting of the grange women where a combination Red Cross and food conservation program was held. Mrs. Howard presented demonstrations in canning vegetables.

## FAST STRINGS TO COMPETE IN TWO DAILY RELAY RACES

## LIST OF TEACHERS 1917-18 ANNOUNCED

Vacancies all Filled and with Work now Being Done at School be Ready to Open When September Arrives

At a meeting this week the school board elected Miss Reba Callen, sister of Miss Luella Callin of the faculty last year to the vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Edith Bailey. With this selection the staff was completed.

In the list given below of the entire staff, the alma mater of the new members, their degree and their previous experience is taken.

H. R. Douglas, B. S., A. M., University of Missouri, formerly Superintendent of schools at Perry, Mo.—Superintendent of schools.

S. M. Boucher, B. S. Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo.—Principal of high school and instructor in Manual Training and Agriculture.

Lloyd L. Culbertson, Instructor in History.

D. A. Hiles, Instructor in Commercial Subjects.

M. D. Thomas, B. S., University of Missouri—Instructor in Science at Richmond Mo. high school past two years—Instructor in Science.

Miss Mayne Benges—Instructor in Latin, German and Music.

Miss Leona Rader—instructor in household economics.

Miss Catherine Conway, Graduate of St. Mary's College, at Portland—instructor of English for several years past in Crook County high school—instructor in English.

Mrs. Edna Griffin—instructor in Mathematics.

West Side Grade School.

Miss Emma McGivern, 8th;

Mrs. Lou, bmbmbmbmbmbmbmbmbmb

Mrs. Lucy B. Fox, 7th;

Miss Jennie Whitaker, 6th;

Miss Mae Platt, 5th;

Miss Rena Biggs, 5th;

Miss Eva Boydell, 4th

Miss Ruth Parcell, 3rd;

Miss Reba Callin, 2nd;

Miss Luella Callin, 1st.

East Side School.

Mrs. Clement, 1st and 2nd;

Miss Cora McNulty, 3rd and 4th.

## WOMEN TO WORK WITH COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Organization Started at Meeting Held Wednesday Afternoon—Conservation of Food Principal Object.

Wednesday afternoon the Commercial club rooms representatives of as many of the women's organization of the city as could be reached on short notice met to start a Woman's Council of Defense to co-operate with similar bodies.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. E. M. Greig on advice from the President of the State Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. W. W. Howard was elected Chairman of the organization; Mrs. W. J. Pinney, vice-chairman and Mrs. E. C. Van Patten, secretary.

The feature of the meeting was the address on the conservation of food supplies and clothing by Attorney P. J. Gallagher.

E. C. Duerall of Volgate, on Malheur lake, in Harney county arrived in Ontario yesterday to seek work in the fruit picking season. He is also seeking employment for several other residents of that region. The Argus secured positions for some of them at the Idanda Orchard near Nyssa for the prune picking season which will start about September 1, but Mr. Duerall wants work for the interim. Any one who wants help and the kind that is above suspicion of being connected with the I. W. W. Mr. Duerall thru the Argus.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RELAY RACES WITH PURSES OF \$100 EACH WILL BE MAGNET FOR MANY RIDERS.

## PROGRAM INTERESTING

From ten to Twelve Events on Every Day's Bill With Specialties Added—Good Horses Coming to Compete in Big Program.

Beside the auto and motorcycle races which are sure to start excitement at the race track fair week there is going to be a men's and women's relay every day at the fair. To get the best strings of horses in the county roundabout the directors at the meeting Sunday afternoon decided to offer \$100 for each relay race, provided that four entries are competing in each race.

With ten or eleven races, in two of which three heats must be run, making in all fourteen of fifteen contests of speed, and the balloon ascension every afternoon the grand stand visitors are going to be given their money's worth and then some. The program will be both varied and exciting. This is the line up:

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18.

2:30 Pace ..... \$100  
2:24 Trot ..... 100  
3-4 mile running race ..... 75  
1-4 mile running race for ponies ..... 15  
Boy's Saddle horse race ..... 15  
Men's relay race ..... 100  
Ladies' relay race ..... 100  
Five mile auto race  
Novelty race  
Wild horse race

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

2:30 pace ..... \$100  
2:20 trot or pace ..... 100  
Half mile dash ..... 50  
Quarter mile dash ..... 50  
Men's relay race ..... 100  
Men's saddle horse race ..... 100  
Ladies' relay ..... 100  
Five mile auto race  
Novelty race  
Wild mule race

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20

2:24 pace ..... \$100  
2:30 trot ..... 100  
1-2 mile running race ..... 75  
Girl's pony race ..... 15  
Men's relay race ..... 100  
1-2 mile saddle horse race ..... 25  
Novelty race  
Ladies' relay race ..... 100  
Mothor cle race

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Free for all trot or pace ..... 100  
2:30 Trot or pace ..... 100  
3-4 Mile Running race ..... 75  
Roman race  
1-4 mile Dash ..... 25  
1-4 mile Pony race ..... 15  
Men's relay race ..... 100  
Novelty race  
Ladies' relay race ..... 100  
Motorcycle race  
Free for all auto race ..... 25  
Wild mule race

## DOMINICAN SISTERS START NEW HOSPITAL

Second Branch From Local Institution Founded—St. Katherine's at Kenosha, Wisconsin Its Name.

Monday evening the Sisters of the Dominican order from the Holy Rosary hospital will leave Ontario to found a new hospital at Kenosha, Wisconsin. That is the second institution started from the parent body here in Ontario, which was the first institution founded by the order in the United States.

The first branch was that at Hanford California founded in July 1914 and which has since grown to a marked degree. The Sisters who leave Ontario Monday to make their home in Kenosha are Catherine Clayton, M. Angela and M. Teresa. Mother Mary

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